

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of January 6, 2017
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Rockets, Fireworks, and Flares (RFF) OU1: Construction of the OU1 groundwater pump and treat remedy is largely complete. The remedy includes a new 2,000 gallon per minute groundwater extraction well, water treatment systems to remove TCE and perchlorate, approximately 10,000 feet of pipeline, and a network of groundwater monitoring wells to evaluate remedy performance. The treated water will be used as drinking water by residents and businesses in Rialto, CA after completion of a six-month pilot scale test to verify performance of the lead-lag-lag ion exchange system used to remove perchlorate from the groundwater (Contact: Wayne Praskins, x2-3181)

California Office of Emergency Services Administered Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for Tribes: At the request of California OES, Lance Richman is in Sacramento this week to participant in the reading and rating of proposals for the FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Program, benefiting tribes located in California. The grant program will provide a total of \$640,960 in HSGP funds to interested California federally-recognized tribes and Indian organizations. HSGP funds may be used for a range of emergency preparedness and management planning activities. (Contact: Lance Richman, x2-3022)

Significant Items for Next Week

Moffett Field Hangar One Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser Doing Work Agreement (BFPP Agreement) With Planetary Ventures, LLC ("PV", or "Google"): On December 6, 2016, EPA Region 9 published a Federal Register notice announcing the beginning of the 30-day public comment period for the proposed BFPP Agreement. The 30-day comment period is closing and we have received no comments to-date. Region 9 will likely finalize the BFPP Agreement next week. Under this Agreement, PV agrees to perform a pilot study for evaluating alternatives for abating contaminants in the coating and paint in the superstructure of the historic Hangar One, and, if selected by NASA, conduct a non-time critical removal action at the Hangar. The Agreement also requires PV to pay EPA oversight costs for this work, and includes a covenant not to sue PV. The Agreement was negotiated by Region 9, the United States Department of Justice, and PV. (Contact: Judy C. Huang, x2-3681)

Southern Nevada Refrigerating Engineers & Technicians Association Meeting: On January 10, EPA will be the featured speaker at the Southern Nevada RETA chapter meeting in Clark County, Nevada. The presentation will focus on the new Risk Management Program regulations as well as overall Chemical Safety and Security. RETA is focused on the professional development of industrial refrigeration operators and technicians. Through their efforts, RETA

ensures that operators and technicians are equipped with the knowledge to safely run their equipment. (Contact: Bill Jones, 619-235-4776)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Brownfields Grant Award - Trust for Public Land (Los Angeles, CA): EPA selected the Trust for Public Land as a [Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant](#) recipient as one of 19 recipients nationally receiving \$200,000 (\$3.8 million, nationally). The Trust for Public Land will work with the community to develop a brownfields redevelopment implementation strategy for the Los Angeles River and Verdugo Wash Confluence in the City of Los Angeles. Many of the parcels in the area are zoned as heavy industrial, and the area has a relatively high burden of pollution, cleanup sites, hazardous waste, and groundwater threats. The catalyst site is the 2.5-acre American Reclamation property, a full service solid waste collection and recycling company that has been operating for over 50 years. The area-wide study will look at strategies to redevelop this section of land along the river, including efforts to reintroduce some of the river's natural features and systems, while expanding on prior investments and community involvement. Key partners with the Trust for Public Land include the City of Los Angeles, LA RiverWorks, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Friends of the Los Angeles River, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Mia Lehrer and Associates. This announcement will be made public on January 5 at 11:00 am PT. (Contact: Nova Blazej, x2-3846)

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant Solicitation (National):

The Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization posted a Request for Proposals for the [Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training](#) program. Grant awards are up to \$200,000 and proposals are due through grants.gov on February 24. (Contact: Nova Blazej, x2-3846)

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

Mainland Regional Response Team 9 Meeting: On January 10-11, EPA (Dan Meer and Lance Richman) will co chair, with the Coast Guard District 11, a Mainland Regional Response Team meeting in San Diego. The second day of the meeting will be the annual joint meeting of the Coastal area committees. (Contact: Lance Richman, x2-3022)

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

EPA Region 6 & 9 Tronox NAUM Work Planning Meeting: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

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(Contact: Chip Poalinelli, x2-3390)

Division Director Schedule: Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

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